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FM AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, MOSCOW 043.
TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT, WHITE HOUSE
EYES ONLY BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJ: SITE IN CRIMEA
REF: WH 42109

1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECEIPT YOUR MESSAGE I MET WITH BIEL HENKEL, WHO HAD JUST TALKED BY PHONE WITH DAVE PARKER. IN LIGHT STRONG SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR OREANDA (RESORT NEAR YALTA BUT SEPARATE FROM IT WHERE BREZHNEV HAS RECEIVED FOREIGN DIGNITARIES IN PAST) AND CLEAR INDICATIONS BREZHNEV WOULD BE PERSONALLY MIFFED IF WE INSISTED ON ANOTHER SITE, WE DECIDED WE SHOULD ACCEPT OREANDA IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING RESULTS PRE-ADVANCE SURVEY OF AREA JUNE 22.

2. HENKEL IS MEETING WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS NOW AND WILL CONVEY THIS POSITION. HE WILL MAKE CLEAR OREANDA IS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE ONLY, AND THAT, IF FINAL DECISION IS FOR OREANDA, ALL REFERENCES IN OFFICIAL OUTPUT TO MEDIA ABOUT CRIMEA STOP WILL REFER TO OREANDA AND NOT TO YALTA, AND THERE WILL BE NO VISITS TO YALTA OR OTHER CONTACT WITH IT. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE HELPFUL IN DISASSOCIATING YALTA CONNECTION AND IS MOST ADVISABLE COURSE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. FINAL RECOMMENDATION WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN PRE-ADVANCE COMPLETES ITS SURVEY.

WARM REGARDS

State Dept. review completed

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